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ADDISON COUNTY ROAD MEN MEET.

Tribute to Mr. Buttolph. Rules for Sound Road Building.

State Highway Commissioner Stoddard S. Bates again visited Middlebury Thursday and gave a very interesting talk before a large meeting of the road commissioners and selectmen of Addison County. All but two towns were represented, most of them by several delegates.

In opening, Mr. Bates expressed his regret at the loss of such an energetic and pains-taking county supervisor as Mr. Buttolph, but said he had faith in Mr. Cady as an able successor. He conducted the meeting in a very informal manner, urging that questions be asked when occasion should arise. He divided his talk into discussion of highway construction and the division and handling of State money.

Mr. Bates laid stress on the importance of good road bottom. He said that as no permanent top had yet been devised it was better to start right at the bottom and then, at a later time, such surface could be laid as seemed best, but if there were not a firm foundation the whole road would have to be rebuilt.

He strongly urged that commissioners take great pains in planning their work. They should consider the benefit of the majority and work in their interests and, before starting in work, they should determine just exactly where, how, and what they should do. He advocated the construction of a twenty-one foot road, but said that it need not be a hard and fast rule that the road be twenty-one feet wide. However, having determined upon the width, it should be made uniform.

Mr. Bates then explained the necessity of trailing dangerous banks. He conceded that the town was not liable except on bridges and culverts, but it is not a road commissioner's desire to kill anybody and it should be his object to prevent such accidents where possible. He said that the State was willing to help pay for such railings. He went on to explain that whereas New York and New Hampshire have a standard state railing, a standard which is extremely serviceable, durable and pleasing to the eye had been devised for Vermont, and he strongly advocated the use of this protection where practical.

He continued his argument of last year for the construction of strong sluices, culverts, and bridges. He said that the time had passed when a few logs would suffice to form a sluice. The added weight of heavy trucks must now be considered and the sluices made to withstand the strain. At present the law is that bridges need sustain only a five ton vehicle, but Mr. Bates strongly advised that all future culverts and bridges be calculated to bear at least fifteen tons. In the construction of culverts, he also warned that they be made large enough to take care of all possible excess water of spring floods.

Mr. Bates next explained the different State aid funds, the five per cent and State aid, the bridge, and the maintenance funds. In all claims for State aid, he pointed out that definite and accurate reports must be made in order that anyone might see from them just where the money had gone.

In the afternoon session, Mr. Bates continued his talk on State aid and maintenance. He spoke of the use of the road machine, the oiling of roads, the care of culverts and the importance of monthly reports. He spoke briefly of re-surfacing as an important part of maintenance. In closing, Mr. Bates discussed the possibility of a patrolman to lighten the duties of the road commissioner.

Mr. Cady then spoke a few words concerning his intentions and hopes and pleaded for the proper completion of the roads to make them attractive.

The Chittenden county supervisor, Mr. Carpenter, was called on and he repeated the importance of permanent construction with an eye to the future and the leaving of roads in neat condition.

A list of those present follows: Addison: Fred L. Willmarth, A. L. Patten, Howard W. Clark, Robert Moorby; Bridport: George D. Payne; Bristol: Homer Hewitt, Bial C. Fuller; Cornwall: L. V. Fisher, J. W. Stevens, C. P. Conlon, Fred C. Morse; Ferrisburgh: Fred B. Tupper, C. B. Hawkins, Nelson Hayden, C. S. Martin; Goshen: H. D. Jones, A. T. Dutton, L. W. Baird; Leicester: O. A. Briggs, Herbert D. Oliver, Frank C. Ayer, Thomas F. Wilson; Lincoln: Michael Tierney; Middlebury: Hartwell Danvers, W. N. Cady, P. G. Brookings; Monkton: A. B. Miles; New Haven: A. B. Hoffnagle, G. E. Flint, M. C. Peck; Orwell: D. A. LaDuc; Panton: E. L. Stagg, R. W. Day, W. R. White, L. G. Kent, E. J. Bristol; Ripton: Perry A. Campbell, C. L. Cook; Salisbury: C. W. Everts, Joseph Supernois, H. L. Morgan, James Peterson, George Galvin; Starksboro: Powell Tatrot; Vergennes: J. M. Alden; Waltham: P. W. Otis, G. A. Hunt, W. H. Jackman, D. H. Parker; Weybridge: John W. Doolin, J. W. James; Whiting: Will Senn, E. M. Branch.

JUDGE FOOTE FOR SENATOR.

Member Last General Assembly Announces His Candidacy.

In accordance with his letter on another page, Judge Abram W. Foote of Cornwall is to be a candidate for Senator from Addison County. As a member of the last General Assembly Mr. Foote was particularly active in the interests of the farmers, being vice president of the Farmers' club of the assembly. He distinguished himself as one of the Addison county delegation favoring a lump sum salary for members instead of the present \$4 a day compensation.

Mr. Foote was born October 24, 1862, in Cornwall and has always made his home there, being engaged in farming and other enterprises. He is actively interested in telephone business in this and Rutland counties and is the moving spirit in the Patrons' Co-operative Fire Insurance company.

Mr. Foote was a member of the House of Representatives in 1900 and since 1902 has been a justice of the peace in Cornwall. He has held most of the town offices and from 1902 to 1905 was assistant judge of Addison county court.

Mr. Foote was chairman of the House committee on agriculture at the last session of the Legislature and a member of the committee on appropriations.

He is prominent in Grange activities and in this connection has visited practically all of the subordinate granges in this county.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Judge Weeks is to have opposition in the race for the Lieutenant-Governorship, Hon. Roger W. Hulburd, of Hyde Park, having announced his candidacy in the following letter:

The art of soliciting official position for one's self is a fine one and I have never acquired it. I wish, however, to announce through your columns that I shall be a candidate for lieutenant-governor at our September primaries. In making this announcement, I am not moved to set forth in detail my political creed.

I believe, however, in Vermont, am proud of her part and confident as to her future. I believe in the Republican party, am proud of its record, and believe that it has a future that will be even greater and grander than its past. I believe in the gospel of business, that labor should have its rights and capital an opportunity, and that we should so legislate that we leave unhampered every honest industry and enterprise. The man of force makes room for himself and room for others. I believe in leaving undone the things that ought not to be done—not every change is an improvement.

If elected to the office sought, I shall come to it with no "entangling alliances." I shall recognize no master but my State, nor shall I be embarrassed by a knowing for further political preferment. My ambition will be to keep within the prescribed duties of the office and be an acceptable lieutenant-governor.

ROGER W. HULBURD.

HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

The classes in biology and mathematics at the Middlebury High school will enjoy for the remainder of the year the use of twenty-four handsome tables for individual use, designed and made by the manual training department. These tables permit much needed laboratory work in the examination of specimens and preparation of note books, a kind of work demanded by the best modern methods, and impossible of execution from ordinary chairs or desks. The benefit is most felt in the biology classes where careful examination of specimens in plant and animal biology and in physiology is made possible, including the use of lenses or a magnifying glass; while much better work can be undertaken in constructive geometry. The tables are also perfectly suitable for all ordinary class room work.

Mr. Virchow and the boys are to be congratulated on this fine display of their craftsmanship. These tables, if purchased, would represent, instead of the slight outlay for material, perhaps \$120 or more. The manual training department has already demonstrated its usefulness.

E. S. S. SUNDERLAND IN IMPORT-ANT CASE.

Mr. E. S. S. Sunderland of the firm of Stetson, Jennings & Russell of New York City has been one of the attorneys appearing before Judge Sanborn of the U. S. District Court at St. Louis in connection with the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, known as the 'Frisco system. Former Judge Franklin Ferris of St. Louis was associated with Mr. Sunderland in representing holders of the refunding mortgage of the railroad. Mr. Sunderland is a Cornwall boy and a graduate of Middlebury College in the class of 1911.

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MASONIC LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS.

At the regular communication of Union lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: Worshipful master, J. Wesley Murdock; senior warden, Robert Easton; junior warden, Perley C. Votey; treasurer, Charles E. Pinney; secretary, W. H. Brewster. The remaining officers will be appointed and installed at a special meeting to be held Wednesday evening, April 19.

WEBSTER-BATTLES.

A few of the nearest relatives and friends were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Blood in Whiting Tuesday, March 28th, to attend the marriage of Mrs. Blood's daughter, Miss Dorothy Battles, and Charles E. Webster of this town which took place at one o'clock. The house was prettily decorated in pink and white and at the appointed hour the bridal party entered the room to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Mollie Webster, sister of the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. E. Knapp. The couple were attended by Miss Maud Webster, sister of the groom, and Carl Whitney of Salisbury, cousin of the bride. Dainty refreshments were served and many pretty and useful gifts were received. Misses Beth Delano and Eva Baldwin of Shoreham presided at the punch bowl.

The guests from out of town were Miss Battles of Bristol, Miss Scovell and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Birchard of Cornwall, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Whitney and Carl Whitney of Salisbury, E. B. Platt, wife and son, Chester, Mrs. Harry Benson, Miss Beth Delano and Miss Eva Baldwin of East Shoreham and Henry Thomas and family of Bellows Falls. The bride and groom wore flowers which were sent by Mrs. Herbert Leslie of Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have gone to house-keeping in Whiting.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS.

A limited amount of money is available for new sidewalks. Property owners desiring walks and willing to pay 20 cents a foot frontage for a 4-2 foot walk should communicate with Mr. Swett.